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OF EXHAUST GAS WITH SEAWATERVERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
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PROCESS FOR ADVANCED TREATMENT FOR DESULFURIZATION  
OF EXHAUST GAS WITH SEAWATER

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- ( ) the specification filed herewith  
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(37 CFR 1.27)

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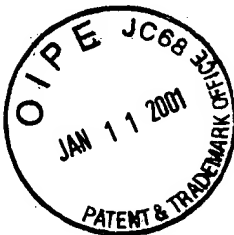
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Submitted herewith for filing is a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status for the above-identified application. An acknowledgement of this status is respectfully requested.

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